

A Violent Poet.
Old Men, Go Gently.
One G. O. Baby Dead.
China to Be Unfettered.

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Italian discussion as to annexation of the east shore of the Adriatic has reached an acute stage. The progressive Italian nation, represented by D'Annunzio, demands the whole of Dalmatia, control of the Adriatic on both sides. The minority, represented by men just dismissed from the cabinet, demand less. This is how D'Annunzio, the "gentle poet," talks in a six column article intended to arouse his followers.

"We will confront the new conspiracy, after the fashion of the Italian ardi, with a bomb in either hand, and a knife between the teeth."

We should be grateful that we are disturbed by no such violent writing as that in this country; it sounds too much in earnest.

The Kaiser's latest illness is attributed to over-exercise, caused by violently chopping wood. Perhaps he imagined that he was chopping Social Democrats and forgot himself.

His illness illustrates the fact that men past fifty must realize that they are going down hill, not up hill, and give up violent exertion in imitation of youth.

Roosevelt's terrific energy and refusal to spare himself physically undoubtedly shortened his life.

Just before the illness that necessitated surgical operations, he had completed a most strenuous course of physical exercise at the training camp of a professional athlete.

Such training has killed many. No man is stronger than his heart, or stronger than the quality of his blood supply. Violent exercise after fifty is bad for both; old men should remember it.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries unanimously reject Secretary Daniels' bill that would make the wireless telegraph and telephone system of the country public property.

Thus dies one little Government ownership infant in its cradle. The mortality is going to be high among such infants. For the present this country will not learn much from Europe, where even England nationalizes her railroads and all the more intelligent nations, outside of Turkey, are making wise plans along the line of real democracy, for their own protection. But the United States will learn from Europe later.

The President of China is in favor of a peace league "to safeguard his own country." He wants all militarism, all war to end, that China may develop "unfettered." China WAS developing "unfettered" for many centuries. She kept the western world outside her borders. Her emperors wrote their little poems; her wise men learned the alphabet, five thousand letters long; queues touched the ground; fingernails were as long as the finger on the rich, and there was misery and resignation among the poor.

But all that "unfettered development," with no outside interference except an occasional inrush from Tartars, did not seem to work well.

Contrast with China, always peaceful, her neighbor Japan, always warlike. Japan, a little island, with few natural resources, lacking iron and coal, has gone far ahead of China, the great, rich empire, with unlimited mineral wealth and labor power.

We all know that peace is beautiful. But some things are hard to explain.

The official communique of the French government on the peace meeting has a strange and interesting sound to American ears, beginning:

"The President of the United States of America and the prime ministers and foreign secretaries of the allied powers, assisted by the Japanese ambassadors in Paris and London, met today at the Quai d'Orsay from 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m."

That paragraph would interest former Presidents of the United States, particularly Washington and Jefferson, with their "no foreign entanglements" ideas. We are well entangled now and must go through with it.

WEATHER:
Unsettled weather to-night and tomorrow. Lowest temperature to-night about 34 degrees. Temperature at 9 a. m. today, 41 degrees; average temperature for January 18 for last thirty years, 32 degrees.

EX-KAISER FEARS FOR HIS LIFE

Guards About Amerongen Tripled---Report That German Bolsheviki Plan to Kidnap and Try Former Ruler---Airplane Over Castle

VICTORY WON BY PRESIDENT IN HIS STAND FOR PUBLICITY

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Premier Clemenceau was elected president of the peace conference following his nomination by Premier Lloyd George.

By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The first sitting of the peace conference today found President Wilson partial victor in the fight for recognition of his first principle—"open covenants, openly arrived at."

The gag rule which was imposed to make the sessions secret has been modified, and arrangements made for publicity under certain restrictions. It may be stated that the President will continue to fight for fuller recognition of his principle. He wants more publicity.

Ceremonies Today.

Today's peace conference sitting was planned as a formal affair, with an imposing turnout of troops, impressive ceremonies, and a keynote speech by President Poincaré. Long before the hour for the opening, crowds had assembled in the streets leading to the foreign office to cheer the sale of the day.

President Wilson's vigorous fight for an open conference was backed by the universal stand of the American correspondents. He was finally successful in securing a rule whereby a limited number of newspaper men would be permitted at the full sittings. The situation as it stood today was similar to that in the United States Senate, where reporters are allowed to hear all proceedings except committee meetings and executive sessions.

Fight Unique.

The President's fight for his first principle was unique in history because of the strong support coming from the correspondents of the United States and all the allied nations except France. Following are the facts:

Several days ago the President began a quiet movement for recognition of his first principle. Discussions developed. Premier Lloyd George agreed. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

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SPARTACAN LEADER KILLED BY MOB



"RED ROSE" LUXEMBURG.

One of the chief leaders of the Spartacists, and active in spreading Bolsheviki propaganda in Germany, who has been killed, according to an official announcement made in Berlin. The dispatch added that Fraulein Luxemburg had been arrested and was being conducted to jail when the car was held up by a mob. She was taken and beaten into insensibility and then thrown back into a canal.

SEEK TO KEEP U. S. WET FOR ONE YEAR

Wets have asked constitutional lawyers in Congress to pass on the possibility of making the whole country wet during the year that is to elapse before the constitutional amendment becomes effective.

The wets argue that the constitutional amendment takes precedence over all other laws on the subject, and nullifies them, including State laws. Therefore, they say, all "dry" legislation is dead until the amendment becomes effective.

Senator Beckham of Kentucky, who has been counsel for distilling interests, said today he sees little merit in the contention, though it is being urged with considerable force. Senator Underwood of Alabama, a wet, said it has been raised, but that so far no authoritative opinion has been given on it.

Wets are considering a test. This could be obtained by a deliberate violation of a State or Federal dry law, and by carrying the case to the United States Supreme Court.

FORTY STATES RATIFY THE DRY AMENDMENT

Forty States have now ratified the prohibition amendment, and the drys expect further favorable action. Minnesota and Wisconsin added their sanction within the last twenty-four hours, and the New Mexico house did likewise.

PREMIER ORDERS MADRID PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

MADRID, Jan. 18.—Martial law was proclaimed here today by Premier Romanones.

Political unrest in Spain led to the formation of a new cabinet on December 5, with M. Romanones taking the portfolio of premier and minister of foreign affairs.

LIEBKNECHT DELIBERATELY SLAIN, CLAIM OF SOCIALISTS

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Via Copenhagen, Jan. 18.—Leaders of the independent socialists (who are allied with the Spartacists) claimed today to have proof that Karl Liebknecht was deliberately murdered and that he did not attempt to escape. The newspaper Freiheit demands a general strike.

DESPERADOES CONDUCTING CRIME CAMPAIGN UNDER COVER OF BERLIN REVOLT

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Desperadoes and ex-convicts have taken advantage of the Spartacan revolt to conduct a campaign of robbing and plundering. Many persons, mostly innocent pedestrians, are killed or wounded every day. At least a dozen shootings, entirely unrelated to the political uprising, occur daily.

While business is practically at a standstill, save for small shops selling necessities, the public is becoming accustomed to the spasmodic fighting. When shooting begins the people dart into doorways and peep out apprehensively while soldiers hunt for the snipers. Then they go about their business as though nothing had happened.

Berlin is fairly bristling with machine gun defenses. Government forces hold all strategic points and control the streets, bridges and railway stations. Groups of soldiers are posted at every corner. Twelve persons were reported to have been killed and forty wounded in yesterday's outbreak at Bussendorf.

LIEBKNECHT WAS RUSSIAN AGENT, IS BERLIN REPORT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 18.—Government agents in Berlin have seized evidence to prove that Karl Liebknecht was a Russian agent, said a dispatch from Berlin today.

The German minister of demobilization, Herr Noske, has definitely broken the Spartacan uprising and many of the supporters have either fled or have been arrested.

REDS REFUSE TO DISARM; BERLIN IS IN UPROAR

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18.—Uproar has developed in Berlin as a result of the Reds' refusing to disarm, said a dispatch from that city today.

The Soviet White Guard troops at Berlin had been ordered to seize the arms held by the Spartacists, but many of the latter refused to give them up.

Princess Pat to Lose Title.
The R. H. Princess Patricia of Connaught, first cousin of King George, favorite niece of King Edward, gave up her royal rank and privileges to marry an untitled naval officer. It is the greatest romance of the great war. It takes a whole page, fully illustrated, to tell about it in the magazine section of tomorrow's Sunday Times. At your newsdealer or delivered to your home—Advt.

JOBLESS MOB, INCLUDING 300 EX-SOLDIERS, IN BOSTON RIOT

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Hundreds of unemployed, including 300 former chauffeurs of the army, stormed city hall here today in a huge demonstration against unemployment.

Fearing violence, city officials called reserve police forces, who held the crowd in check.

May Join Procession.

Hundreds fell in line and marched, amid shouts and cheers, to city hall, where the presence of Mayor Peters was demanded.

As the crowd marched down School street, soldiers and civilians fell into line and when the throng reached city hall, nearly 1,000 had gathered. These men took the leading part in demanding "justice and fair play," shouting to the crowd that they had been discharged without warning today. They also declared angrily that their places had been filled by soldiers from Camp Meade.

City officials then informed the demonstrators that if they would appoint a committee, Mayor Peters would receive it. Representatives were appointed and went into conference with the mayor.

SLAIN GIRL'S WATCH FOUND IN PAWN SHOP

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Police detectives today discovered in a pawn shop a wrist watch, believed to be the one stolen from Mary Riddell, seven years old, when she was slain within a few steps of her home at Glen Morris, L. I., last Wednesday night. This discovery was considered the most important clue so far. The man who pawned the watch is being traced.

Miss Riddell, returning home from work, was struck down, maltreated, and her body left hidden behind a bush in a vacant lot. The murder was very similar to three others committed recently. Detectives believe they have to deal with a murderous maniac of the most revolting type.

MUST REDUCE A. E. F., IS WORD SENT FOCH

American troops will be brought home from France just as fast as possible. General Pershing has been ordered to so inform General Foch.

The American force will be reduced to a point where only such forces will be left overseas as are required under American international obligations.

Chief of Staff March made these revelations today, declaring that the heads of the various governments are now working out details of what forces shall be left behind. The rearmament movement is being rapid as is compatible with tonnage available.

Investigation Being Made By Officers From the Hague

AMERONGEN, Holland, Jan. 18.—Guards about Count Bentinck's castle were tripled today, when it was reported that armed German Bolsheviki plotted to raid the place, seize the former Kaiser and Kaiserin, and carry them off to Germany for a secret trial and death like the Czar's.

An airplane has been observed reconnoitering over the castle. This greatly upset Wilhelm Hohenzollern and his wife. They demanded further protection from the Dutch. In addition to the kidnaping plot, Wilhelm fears a scheme to blow up the castle.

Three officials from the American legation at The Hague are investigating the alleged attempt to kidnap the former Emperor, made recently by armed men in automobiles claiming to be Americans.

TO PROBE STEEL D. C. COLORED TROOPS TO BE HOME SOON

War profits and all Government contracts to the Bethlehem Steel Company will be investigated by the War Labor Board, Joint Chairman Taft announced today.

Mr. Taft has asked the War and Navy departments to supply the board with all war contracts with the steel company and these will be considered before January 28. At this time the board's decision as to whether the company is not bidding by the board's labor award as charged by employees, will be given.

Investigation of contracts, Mr. Taft indicated, is to ascertain the basis for the company's charges that under Government contracts it was not able to pay increased wages awarded by the board.

Mr. Taft stated that he had already had evidence showing that Acting Secretary of War Crowell had promised the steel company additional compensation for any contracts if it were necessary to meet the labor board's award.

SILLIMAN IS DEAD AT POST IN MEXICO

Consul John R. Silliman is dead at Guadalupe, Mexico, after two days' illness, the State Department was advised today.

Silliman was very active during the days preceding the American expedition into Mexico and provided the Government with valuable information constantly.

A portion of the old First Separate Battalion of colored men in the District National Guards have been designated for early convey to this country, the War Department officially announced today.

The announcement says that the Second Battalion of the 372nd Infantry, 93rd Division, and the medical detachment of the 372nd Infantry have been designated for priority by General Pershing and will return home within six weeks.

Lieut. Ulysses R. Brown, former member of Company A, First Battalion, 372nd Infantry, who has returned home from France, told The Times today that the Second Battalion includes about seventy-five colored District soldiers.

"When we arrived in France we were reorganized," Lieutenant Brown said, "the greater part of the District troops were assigned to the First Battalion, while about seventy-five men were reassigned to the Second Battalion. The medical detachment in the 372nd Infantry is composed entirely of District colored soldiers. These men number about seventy."

These colored men are the first contingent of District colored soldiers to be designated for early convey, and they will be the first colored contingent to return home.

Plans for welcoming these men are being formulated today by the welcome committee in charge of the welcome demonstration for the District boys.

Taylor Edward L. Webster, of the new battalion of the District guards recently formed, told The Times today that he thought a special celebration would be given by the colored people of Washington to these returning men.

D. C. ENGINEERS BACK AFTER STORMY TRIP FROM FRANCE

One thousand engineer officers and men who were recruited and trained at Washington Barracks and sent to France nine months ago, landed in Newport News on the U. S. S. Huron, according to a dispatch to The Times.

The dispatch says that the contingent contains a number of Washington men, but the exact number has not been learned.

They are members of Companies I, F, and K, and a medical detachment of the Fifty-sixth Engineers who were trained in Washington before leaving for overseas.

Demobilization of the men will take place at Washington Barracks, Camp Lee, Camp Humphreys, and Camp Meade.

To Washington Barracks. One group of 21 officers and 717 enlisted men will be sent to Washington Barracks. Another group of 11 officers and 373 men also will be sent to the barracks to be demobilized, according to the War Department.

The three companies are composed of men who were inducted into the service. Their personnel is made up of a number of technically trained men who were here when war broke out.

F Company in Action.
According to word received from the point of debarkation today the only unit which got into action in France was F company. The dispatch says that F company includes a number of Washington men.

This company saw action with the British troops all the way from Calais to Amiens and sustained casualties. The duties of the men consisted in operating searchlights with anti-aircraft guns in defending the allied lines against German bombers.

Companies I and K, which were held in reserve, were stationed at Langres in the zone of advance, not far from the actual fighting lines. These units were held in this position for finished training until the day the armistice was signed.

Had Rough Trip.

The engineer troops had a rough trip for the first few days, according to the story related by Capt. G. F. Young, of Tampa, Fla., battalion commander. Lieut. J. W. Clark, adjutant to Captain Young, paid tribute to the fighting qualities of the men of F company when the transport landed the men at Newport News this morning.

A heavy storm which broke over the Huron a few days after the ship sailed from France.

The ship was struck by a 100-mile-an-hour gale while in the Bay of Biscay. On the second night on the ship listed in the storm to an angle of 31 degrees.

Foot Under Water.

The troops declared the lower deck was a foot under water at one time. Helmets, German uniforms, cooking utensils, and war souvenirs that the troops were bringing back as mementos of the war were swept overboard. One lifeboat was washed away, and (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

Who Are Back — THE BOYS — Who Are Across

Another page of pictures of Washington boys back from service for democracy overseas or in home camps

In Tomorrow's
SUNDAY TIMES

A page map showing where all the boys now across are located. It shows where YOUR boy is